

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-7, 9-11, 18-20, 24-26, 32 and 34-36 have been allowed. Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 18, 24, 25, 32, 34, 35 and 36 were previously amended by the Examiner's amendment. Claims 2, 8, 12-17, 21-23, 27-31 and 33 were canceled by the same Examiner's amendment. Claims 16 and 19 are currently amended. New claims 37 and 38 are added.

The Examiner's amendment has replaced claim 10 with a new claim and designated this new claim as claim 16. Claims 12-17, which includes the old claim 16, were canceled in the same Examiner's amendment. Applicants have assumed that the Examiner did not mean to amend claim 10 to make it "new" claim 16, only to then cancel it. The Examiner's amendment further amended "new" claim 16 to depend from claim 14, which was also canceled by the same Examiner's amendment. "New" claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 9. Following the Examiner's previous amendments, the word "protein" in "new" claim 16 has been changed to "peptide fragment".

Claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 35 rather than canceled claim 2.

New claims 37 and 38 have been added. Support for new claim 37 can be found, for example, at p.13, lines 14-25. Support for new claim 38 can be found, for example, at p.10, lines 15-27.

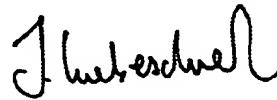
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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